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Sent: 3/12/2019 4:51:06 PM
To: Joan Seeman [joanseem@msn.com]
CC: Chergo, Jennifer [Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Request for the VB-I70 OU1 Proposed Plan document presented by EPA for public comment
Attachments: 2003-05-01 proposed plan.pdf

From: Joan Seeman <joanseem@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 12:19
To: Aviles, Jesse <Aviles.Jesse@epa.gov>
Cc: Chergo, Jennifer <Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: Request for the VB-I70 OU1 Proposed Plan document presented by EPA for public comment

Jesse Aviles

Remedial Project Manager

Environmental Protection Agency

Jesse,

I've been told that the Proposed Plan for the VB/I70 OU1 National Superfund Site contains details re arsenic in soil alternatives presented for public review and comment. I am unable to locate this Proposed Plan. I read there was one produced in "2003-Proposed Cleanup Plan" from the EPA power point presentation to the VB-I70 CAG.

https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/771/documents/EQ/Land%20Use%20and%20Planning/MarchCAGPreso1_Fixed.pdf

I requested help from a few CAG members to review the google location for the OU1 Proposed Plan. This site is not available to the general public locally or nationwide. As you know many local citizens are unable to use this site or know that it is available. Also, the Proposed Plan is not available in the EPA National Superfund Site "documents available" location or the local libraries housing OU1 documents.

Please help locate the VB-I70 OU1 Proposed Plan. This is an important document that addresses several EPA proposed arsenic contamination evaluations/risks for various clean up levels and the public comments and TAG response received at that time. I look forward to your help in accessing this EPA document.

Thank you,
Joan Seeman
303-916-9244

Notes:

1. Record of Decision 2003

<https://semspub.epa.gov/work/08/2005189.pdf>

2. Draft Community Involvement Plan OU1 May 2000

This Community Involvement Plan was a draft 18 YEARS AGO and there was no final or an update in 2019?

"Develop Community Involvement Plan

EPA must conduct interviews with affected residents and community leaders to determine their level of interest in-the site, major concerns and issues, and information needs. Based upon the community interviews, the EPA must prepare a Community Involvement Plan which includes a description of the site background, history of community involvement at the site, community involvement strategies, a-schedule of community involvement activities, and alist of contacts, local officials, and interested parties."

"EPA will prepare a-proposed plan which summarizes the remedial alternatives presented in-the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)and identifies, and describes the rationale behind, the **preferred remedial alternative**. "

CIP = Community Involvement Plan

"EPA will review this CIP and revise it, if necessary, to address issues and concerns that may arise during the remedial action. Each revision will update the information provided inthe current CIP, assess the effectiveness of approaches used for community involvement to the date of the revision, and propose a strategy for keeping the community informed and involved. Community interviews will be held, if appropriate, before the plan is revised."

<https://semspub.epa.gov/work/08/2006998.pdf>

EPA awarded CEASE, a neighborhood coalition with representatives from Cole, Clayton, Elyria and Swansea, a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) in April 2000. The TAG funds a community group to hire a consultant to independently review EPA's technical documents and assist in understanding the Superfund process. (CEASE Neighborhood Coalition)

"The Clayton, Cole, Elyria and Swansea Neighborhood Coalition (CEASE)was formed to join the four neighborhoods together around the common purpose of soil contamination. CEASE connects directly with neighborhood organizations and groups to support their efforts in addressing contamination in the impacted neighborhoods. CEASE members have been actively involved in the VB/I-70 Working Group since its inception and received a Technical • Assistance Grant from the EPA in April 2000."

"Almost everyone agreed that aTechnical Assistance Grant to acommunity group so that they could hire atechnical advisor to interpret technical documents for them would be a good idea." Not made available by EPA 2019.

"Regardless of the source, exposure to excess levels of arsenic and lead can be of health concern to residents. Long-term exposure to elevated levels of arsenic can result ineffects on the skin (small warts and patches of dark and light spots), and can also increase the risk of skin cancer."

"The interview questions are contained in Appendix F. The responses from these interviews are grouped according to similar themes. EPA has made every effort to include all the responses from the interviews."

There is NO "Appendix F" included in the DRAFT Citizens Involvement Plan for OU1.

"Community has expressed its desire to designate the VB-170 Superfund Site as an Environmental Justice Zone. We would like our community recognized as an environmental justice zone in the Risk Assessment, the Feasibility Study and the Record of Decision. At this time, we would like to specify what an "Environmental Justice Zone" is and how actions can be taken to integrate this into the Superfund process.

The neighborhoods within the VB-170 Superfund Site are inundated with hazards to health and well being in our soils, water and air. The EPA investigation, to date, has identified two "contaminants of concern" inour soils. Within our neighborhoods, .."

"as such, are advocating a clean up level at 10x-6. This clean uplevel falls at the upper end of the scale for the EPA's clean up procedures. Additionally, community would like to see further investigation, studies, and action related to the VB-I70 Site. Specifically, further investigation should take place regarding the sources of hazardous material pollution

that falls below the Toxic Release Inventory standards, but that cumulatively affect human health in the community. These hazardous materials that fall below the range of the Toxic Release Inventory should be recognized as contributing to the overall burden to human health that the community faces.

The community also recommends that a comprehensive health study be initiated in the community to determine how people's health might be affected by contaminants in the air, water and soil. This study would take into account how the cumulative effects of the many contaminants from the air, water and soil, as well as mobile source pollution, affects community members' short and long term health."

"Activities Required By CERCLA/SARA

The EPA will perform the following community involvement activities at the VB/I-70 Site as required by CERCLA/SARA:

- Develop Community Involvement Plan;
- Establish Information Repositories and Administrative Record; • Notify community of availability of Technical Assistance Grant; • Prepare NPL Proposal Responsiveness Summary;
- Make Proposed Plan Available;
- Provide Public Comment Period;
- Prepare Proposed Plan Responsiveness Summaries;
- Publish Description of Final Plan of Action; and
- Revise Community Involvement Plan.

3. First Five Year Review

<https://semspub.epa.gov/work/08/1118472.pdf>

<https://semspub.epa.gov/work/08/100002872.pdf>

"What are the roles and responsibilities of EPA, the State, and the City for VB/I-70?

At OU1, since the remedy is complete, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is the lead agency and is responsible for long-term operations and maintenance of the remedy, including annual mailings to those properties where EPA could not gain access."

"What is the remaining risk from the VB/I-70 Superfund Site to people who live and work there?

At OU1, soils no longer pose an unacceptable risk because 99 percent of the yards have been addressed, and residents at the final one percent are receiving information about potential risk and how to avoid it. Contaminated soils were largely found in the top two inches of soil; EPA removed and replaced soils up to 12 inches deep. Groundwater was not evaluated at OU1 because it is unlikely to be contaminated due to historic smelter activity and would not pose a risk in any case because all residences and businesses are connected to municipal water."

Jesse,

Would you please explain why there is no "arsenic" equivalent document for OU1 since there is one for lead.

Thank you,
Joan Seeman

Sent from my iPad

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On Feb 13, 2019, at 9:28 AM, Aviles, Jesse <Aviles.Jesse@epa.gov> wrote:

Dear Joan:

EPA has various processes that evaluate that remedies are and remain protective. The lead consult is one such document and the five year review is another example.

Cordially,

Jesse

From: Joan Seeman <joanseem@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 09:02
To: Aviles, Jesse <Aviles.Jesse@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Lead consult document for OU1 deletion

Jesse,

Would you please explain why there is no "arsenic" equivalent document for OU1 since there is one for lead.

Thank you,
Joan Seeman

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On Dec 3, 2018, at 5:38 AM, Aviles, Jesse <Aviles.Jesse@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Joan:

There is not an arsenic equivalent document.

Jesse

From: Joan Seeman <joanseem@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2018 16:54
To: Aviles, Jesse <Aviles.Jesse@epa.gov>
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Subject: Re: Lead consult document for OU1 deletion

Jesse,

Is there an "Arsenic" consult document for deletion?

Joan Seeman

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2018, at 8:59 AM, Aviles, Jesse <Aviles.Jesse@epa.gov> wrote:

Dear CAG:

Several months ago I mentioned the lead consult document for deletion of OU1. I said that I'll share it with you once it was finalized. The document is attached.

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